



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 26, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**
Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief Bully-Cummings
AC Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. Dwayne Love
Lt. David LaValley
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Robin Kirkwood-Farrar
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Debra Jones
Sgt. Gayle Smith
Dir. Deborah Robinson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Ronald Seal
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Edward Moore
Julis Sammar
Jerry Park

Tijuanna Morris
Jack Seamen
Edith Lee-Payne
Bobby Hardison
Thomas Stidham

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Hampton called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:25 p.m.

He stated this is a great day and also a sad day. He stated that it's a sad day because the Board is losing Atty. Denise R. Hooks who did a great job during her tenure. He wished her longevity and prosperity in her ventures.

Atty. Hooks stated this is a bittersweet moment for her because she loved her job, but has to go back home to Memphis to take care of her parents. She stated that she has no regrets. She further stated that she has experienced a lot of growth and her skills have been sharpened while working for the Board. She thanked the Board for the opportunity and for showing her a lot of respect. She stated to the Board to remember why they were created and to keep that mission.

Comm. Holley thanked Atty. Hooks on behalf of the Board for her great service to them.

Comm. Griffin stated to Atty. Hooks that she will always be blessed, because she is going to see about her parents.

AC Godbee stated he offers a sincere thanks to Atty. Hooks on behalf of the Chief, the entire Department and the Mayor. He acknowledged her service, professionalism, as well as the influence she has had on him.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, June 26, 2008

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, June 19, 2008

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

Comm. Hampton commended the Department on an excellent job during the fireworks.

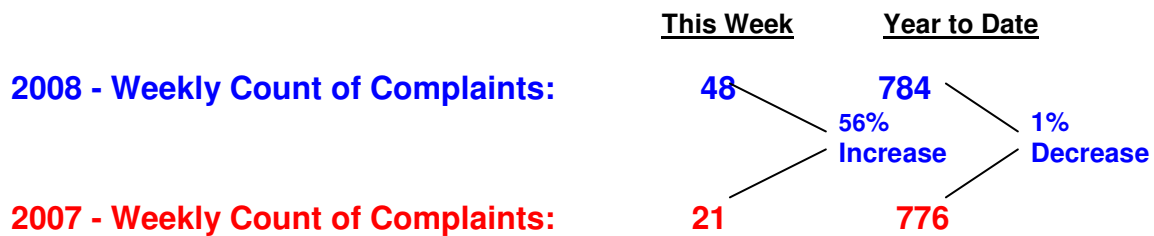
2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Friday, July 4, 2008, in observance of Independence Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,185** active investigations, of which **646** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 06/26/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		2				2				4
4	COMMUNICATIONS		2							3	5
7	EASTERN		6	1			4				11
1	EVIDENCE TECH		1								1
1	NARCOTICS						1	1			2
2	NORTHEASTERN			2				1		1	4
9	NORTHWESTERN		4				2	1	1	2	10
7	SOUTHWESTERN	1	3	1			4			3	12
1	TACTICAL SERVICES						1				1
10	Unknown Command		4	4	1	1	5		1	2	18
1	VICE ENFORCEMENT									1	1
1	VIOLENT CRIMES	1					1				2
2	WESTERN		1				2				3
48		2	23	8	1	1	22	3	2	12	74


5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- **Next meeting:**
Thursday, July 3, 2008
@ 3:00 P.M.
Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Community Crime Walk

On June 28th, the Eastern and Northeastern Districts will be hosting a Unity in the Community Crime Walk. The Northeastern District's registration begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Butzel Family Community Center, 7737 Kercheval St. The walk begins at 10:15 a.m. sharp.

The Eastern District's registration begins at 8:00 a.m., at the U-SNAP BAC located at 14901 E. Warren. The crime walk will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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Please come and join us to bring peace to our streets.

Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Western District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Central District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Domestic Violence	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

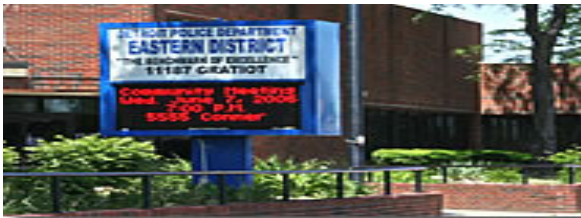
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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District

On June 18th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 4000 block of Conner on "Glass Heard Breaking/Recorded Breaking & Entering Alarm" run. Subsequent to the officers investigation, a subject was arrested and later charged with "Attempt Breaking & Entering of a Building," and "Habitual 4th."



Southwestern District

On June 18th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 8000 block of Indiana on a "Person with a Weapon" run. Upon the officers' arrival, they observed a subject armed with a handgun. Due to the officers' quick actions, the subject was arrested and subsequently charged with "Felonious Assault," "Felon in Possession of a Firearm," "Felony Firearm," "Brandishing a Firearm," and "Habitual 4th."



Central District

On June 18th, officers of the Central District responded to the 2000 block of Chrysler to investigate persons loitering inside vacant properties. Upon their arrival, officers observed a subject point a handgun at them. The subject was arrested and later charged with "Felon in Possession," two counts of "Felonious Assault," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 3rd."



Domestic Violence

On June 16th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 4000 block of Springle on an "Attempt Cutting" run and arrested the subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with "Felonious Assault," "Domestic Violence," and "Malicious Destruction of Property." A knife was confiscated.

AC Godbee introduced Dir. Robinson of the Training and Professional Development Center.

Dir. Robinson introduced Cmdr. Love also of the Training Center.

Cmdr. Love introduced his staff, and gave a brief overview of the primary functions of the Training Center. The Training Center consists of several functions including training.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Comm. Holley asked why the detective training was held at Eastern Michigan. He stated it seems more advantageous to use a local college or university.

Cmdr. Love stated they are using Wayne State as well as Eastern Michigan University. He stated he doesn't know how the detective training got its start at Eastern Michigan University.

Dir. Robinson stated they use a local campus of Eastern Michigan University because they had a good leadership program at that time. But they are also doing some things with the local Universities and Colleges.

Comm. Holley asked who would be paying for the upcoming training.

Cmdr. Love stated the Department is using law enforcement distribution 302 funds, which is state funding.

Comm. Holley stated on behalf of a follow-up question for Chairperson Ramirez, what's the status of the gun range at the Southwestern District.

Comm. Hampton stated Chief Bully-Cummings has joined us 3:27 pm.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it cannot be utilized until the Department gets a trained instructor, which they now have. Because it hasn't been in use, now the issue obtaining clearances.

Comm. Holley asked does the Department still carry shotguns.

Cmdr. Love stated yes they are mounted in the trunk of the squad cars.

Comm. Griffin asked is the \$800,000.00 that the Department receives from MCOLES the sub total amount, or are there other dollars in the budget for training.

Cmdr. Love stated it is used to supplement training. They also use general funds for training.

Comm. Griffin asked is there data that shows how much money the Department spends per officer for training. If so, how does that compare to other departments across the country?

Cmdr. Love stated he doesn't have those figures with him.

Dir. Robinson stated the funds for this year were \$113.90 per officer. That amount changes periodically depending on the number of officers. They are very much in line with the rest of the departments in other cities, and in most cases they exceed the other departments.

Comm. Griffin stated did you say \$113.00.

Dir. Robinson stated \$113.90.

Comm. Griffin stated he would talk to Dir. Robinson some other time regarding the funds.

Comm. Holley stated why can't the Department use local vendors for training.

Cmdr. Love stated that certain agencies or companies specialize in certain training, and they want the best training for the Department officers.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated when they bring a vendor in, a lot of times it is more cost effective, and that vendor may not come from outside of Detroit. One of the vendors that the Department uses for the Lieutenants and Sergeants examination is located in the City. A couple of years ago, MCOLES changed how they could spend their training dollars; and if there is a local certified vendor, they must use them.

Comm. Holley asked how often is the training curriculum updated.

Cmdr. Love stated that the command staff takes a look at the in-service training to see if there's a need for updating for the Department.

Comm. Holley stated in a police culture, another city may not fit this Department culture. An example of this would be Philadelphia.

Cmdr. Love stated yes, that is correct.

Comm. Holley asked will the Department put something in place to help those new recruits continue their education.

Cmdr. Love stated that the relationship that they have with Wayne State University and Wayne County Community College is for officers to continue their education.

Comm. Holley stated but it is not mandatory.

Cmdr. Love stated no, sir.

Comm. Holley asked if a State Trooper and Detroit Police Officer receive the same training.

Cmdr. Love stated the recruits receive the same training.

Comm. Holley stated why does it feel like the State Troopers get more respect than the Detroit Police Officers.

Cmdr. Love stated he doesn't have an answer for that.

Comm. Holley stated he did not see anything in the presentation on Homeland Security.

Cmdr. Love stated the Department hosted a training last month on Homeland Security and Terrorist Awareness Training.

Comm. Holley asked is there collaboration between the Department, federal agencies, and Canada.

Cmdr. Love stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked are all the members trained on this.

Cmdr. Love stated no, because it isn't mandatory, but the Department will continue to have training relating to this issue.

Dir. Robinson stated there is training called "Awareness Incident Training" and that is mandatory for the entire Department, as well as the Fire Department. It may also include this Board.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated the Department also does training exercises with the other law enforcement agencies.

Dir. Robinson stated to clarify an earlier point, the Department waiver training deals with officers who've lost their licenses.

Comm. Hampton asked do all the entities within the Department receive updated training based on the assessment.

Cmdr. Love stated yes, sir

Comm. Hampton asked if there's any mobilization team in the air or water.

Cmdr. Love stated not from his section.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated they have the Harbor Master Unit that is on the water at all times, and there is a memorandum of understanding with the State Police to put a helicopter back in the air.

She further stated that years ago it was mandatory to have 40 hours of training annually and somehow they got away from that, and the Consent Decree allowed them to bring that back.

Comm. Hampton asked did the Department learn anything from this year's fireworks event.

Cmdr. Love stated the fireworks went well.

Comm. Holley asked Dir. Goss if he can look into having a presentation from Homeland Security.

Comm. Hampton stated that the Exec. Dir Goss stated it would be on the agenda in the near future.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, Cmdr. Morris Wells is in charge of that unit.

Comm. Hampton asked the Chief if she had any comments on the fireworks.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the Department made sure there was more coverage in the districts. She stated AC Dunlap devised a traffic plan that turned major thoroughfares into one-ways. It worked well but they never opened those streets back up and it made traffic congested on the side streets.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Hampton stated he has read and familiarized himself with the recommended petition that was presented on June 19, 2008. He concurred with the suspension without pay for Investigator Deborah Lee, Badge I-64.

Exec Dir. Goss stated unless contravened by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 3, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris stated they held a candle-light vigil for the citizen who was shot last week by a police officer. The vigil was well-attended.

E. Moore gave his condolences in the passing of Comm. Holley's mother. He also stated that Councilman Kenyetta sends his greeting and his door is always open.

T. Stidham stated he is here on behalf of some of the towers for the city. He stated that only one of the authorized towers was called to tow during the fireworks and he would like an inquiry so that this may not happen in the future.

Comm. Holley asked does this still fall under the Department.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked the Chief can she look into the inquiry.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated she will have AC Godbee look into it.

T. Stidham asked to know the timeframe for a response.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she can't give one at this moment.

Comm. Holley stated he has been working with this for two years, and stated to Mr. Stidham that his expectation of the Board is more than they can do. He asked has the towing issue been before City Council.

T. Stidham stated since their last meeting, everyone has been working together and he is only here regarding the firework's event. He just wants to make sure that the rotation list is used during the next event.

Comm. Holley stated he understands.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated when they make a decision, it is based on not inconveniencing any of the citizens and the idea to use those towers was based on this. She will have AC Gobee to look into it and to put something in place.

E. Payne stated she met with Chief Inv. Sheard and the meeting was productive.

B. Hardison stated he has been doing the fireworks for the last three years, and wants to keep the rotation list fair.

L. Turnbold thanked the Department for their condolences and the flowers for her sister Officer Rachel Evans.

J. Seaman stated to the Board that we all need to start working together because all of our children are dying.

Comm. Hampton asked for a moment of silence for Comm. Holley who lost his mom.

(Moment of silence)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb